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TRUSTEES' MEETING

Tropico City Hall, August 29. Board met in regular session. Members and officers all present, except Trustee Conrad.

Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved as read.

The application of the Seventh Day Adventists for a permit to erect a Gospel Tent on the vacant lot near and north of the junction of the San Fernando Road and Central Avenue, adjoining the City Hall, was granted, and City Clerk authorized to issue a written permit.

Petition for closing blind alley in the Boynton Tract, referred to Committee on Streets and Alleys.

Application of Pacific Light and Power Corporation for permit to trim trees on Central Avenue along high tension lines, to be under supervision of street superintendent on 24 hours notice, was granted.

Communication of Burns & McDonald, asking employment in the capacity of civil engineers, to examine and report upon physical value of pipe lines and other property of Tropico Water Company, received, read and laid on table.

Chamber of Commerce requested to arrange for a mass meeting of citizens for an expression of approval or disapproval of proposal that the City purchase the property of the Tropico Water Company, to be held at G. A. R. Hall on Glendale Avenue, at such time as may be deemed advisable.

In the matter of a bridge over the barranca on East Cypress, City Engineer reported the estimated cost of same to be about \$750.00 and the requisite assessment on the district to be benefited by the bridge to be 20 cents per front foot.

Ordinance No. 46, fixing the amount of money necessary to be raised by taxation to carry on the various departments of the city government, read a third time, and adopted.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP
Of Water Supply and Distributing System Undecided—City Trustees Refuse to Call an Election Unless Assured Beforehand of a Two-Thirds Majority in Favor of Issue of Bonds for Its Purchase.

If the "pros and cons," in attendance at the mass meeting of citizens last Wednesday night, on the subject of a city owned water supply and system of water distribution, are to be taken as truly representative of the "pros and cons" who were conspicuous by their absence, we might reasonably infer that the subject may as well be dropped, at least so far as the purchase of the water supply and distributing system of the Tropico Water Company, a private corporation, is concerned.

On the surface, the grounds of opposition to the proposition are easily understood, but under the surface, concealed but indifferently, was the animus of it, not so easily understood or explained. It may be asserted that the same is true of the grounds of support of the proposition.

We submit that, if the matter cannot be approached and considered free of bias, personal spite, or perverseness, the best interests of the City as a whole are bound to be lost sight of and sacrificed to an unworthy end.

But perhaps it is true, as we have heard suggested, that only the noise of the contestants, was represented at this meeting, and that when the matter is put up to the calm judgment of citizens who have the final say, the response will have a different significance.

At the opening of the meeting a resolution with preambles was presented as follows:

"Whereas the public interests would

be best served by the City's ownership and control of the water and other property of the Tropico Water Company, and

"Whereas, it is the sense of this meeting that the property of said Tropico Water Company as a whole, is reasonably worth the sum of \$50,000.

"Therefore, be it resolved that we recommend to the Board of Trustees that they submit the question of an issue of the City's bonds for the purchase of the same to the electors of the City, without unnecessary delay."

The questions submitted were subject to division, but division was not called for, and after a general discussion, all were submitted as one question, and on a *viva voce*, were declared adopted. But this was satisfactory to no one.

Three questions were involved and each should have been considered and acted upon separately. These questions were:

Would the best interests of the City be served by its ownership of the water and other property of the Tropico Water Company? Yes, or no?

Is the water and other property of the Tropico Water Company reasonably worth the sum of \$50,000? Yes, or no?

If both these questions are supported by an affirmative vote, the next question would be: Should the Board of Trustees call a bond election for its purchase? Yes, or no?

But unless the Board of Trustees are satisfied by an expression of the voters of the City in some form or other, either at a representative mass meeting or by a postal card answer, that there is good reason to believe the question will be supported by a two-thirds majority of the voters of the City, we may rest assured the question will not be submitted.

Hence another opportunity is to be given the citizens of the City for an expression of approval or disapproval of the proposition, and the Chamber of Commerce has been requested to arrange for obtaining the same from a mass meeting to be held at G. A. R. Hall, on Glendale Avenue, at such time and in such manner as they may deem advisable, after due notice.

BURNING OF GREGORY HOME
ON WEST TENTH STREET

The burning of a dwelling in which

is a family home is always distressing; always a lamentable calamity.

That of the bungalow home of J. A. Gregory and wife, Lulu A., at 420 West Tenth Street, in the northwesternly part of the City, a little after mid-night, in the early hours of the morning of Sunday last, was particularly so.

The family, the husband and wife and Mrs. Gregory's mother, had long since retired and were wrapped in deep sleep when aroused by heat and smoke, barely in time to allow them to escape with their lives, in their night clothes.

The alarm sounded by lusty lungs soon rallied the immediate neighborhood to the rescue, but too late. With no fire extinguishing apparatus at hand; no response from the fire department, no pressure on the water pipe hydrant; no city provided facility for fighting the flames, the destruction of the building and nearly all its contents was soon complete.

There was nothing to be done by the neighbors who had assembled, but to stand helplessly by and sympathize with citizens of the City the flickering embers of whose home lay in a heap before them, over their lamentable loss.

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(Continued from last week)

"There," he muttered, again holding his watch and fob up for close inspection, "he'll not soon overlook what I've said in that letter, confound him!"

He had not observed the approach of Randolph Shaw, who now stood, pipe in hand, some twenty paces behind him in the road.

"What the devil are you doing?" demanded a strong bass voice. It had the effect of a cannon shot.

His lordship leaped half out of his corduroys, turned with agonizing abruptness toward the tall young man and gasped "Oh!" so shrilly that his horse looked up with a start. The next instant his watch dropped forgotten from his fingers and his nimble little legs scurried for safety beyond the log. Nor did he pause upon reaching that supposedly safe ground. The swift glance he gave the nearby river was significant as well as apprehensive. It moved him to increased but unpolished haste.

He leaped frantically for the saddle, scorching the stirrups, landing broad-side, but with sufficient nervous energy in reserve to scramble on and upward into the seat. Once there he kicked the animal in the flanks with both heels, clutching with his knees and reaching for the bridle rein in the same motion. The horse plunged obediently, but came to a stop with a jerk that almost unseated the rider; the sapling swayed; the good but forgotten rein held firm.

"Ha!" gasped his lordship as the horrid truth became clear to him.

"Charge, Bonaparte!" shouted the man in the road.

"Soldiers!" cried the rider, with a wild look among the trees.

"My dog," called back the other. "He charges at the word."

"Well, you know, I saw service in the army," apologized his lordship, with a pale smile. "Get up!" to the horse.

"What's your hurry?" asked Shaw, grinning broadly as he came up to the log.

"Don't—don't you dare to step over that log!" shouted Bazelhurst.

"All right, I see; but, after all, what's the rush?" The other was puzzled for the moment.

"I'm practicing, sir," he said unsteadily, "how to mount on a run, demmit. Can't you see?"

"In case of fire, I imagine. Well, you made excellent time. By the way, what has this envelope to do with it?"

"Who are you, sir?"

"Shaw. And you?"

"You'll learn when you read that document. Take it home with you."

"Ah, yes; I see it's for me. Why don't you untie that hitch rein? And what the Dickens do you mean by having a hitch rein anyway? No rider?"

"Confound your impudence, sir! I did not come here to receive instructions from you, dem' you!" cried his lordship defiantly. He had succeeded at that moment in surreptitiously slashing the hitch rein in two with his pocketknife. There was nothing to prevent him from giving the obstreperous young man a definite farewell. "I am Lord Bazelhurst. Good day, sir!"

"Just a minute, your lordship," called Shaw. "No doubt you were timing yourself a bit ago, but that's no reason why you should leave your watch on my land. Of course I've nothing against the watch, and while I promise you faithfully that any human being from your side of the log who ventures over on my side shall be ejected in one way or another, it would seem senseless for me to kick this timepiece into the middle of next week."

"Don't you dare kick that watch. It's a hundred years old."

"Far be it from me to take advantage of anything so old. Don't you want it any longer?"

"Certainly, sir. I wouldn't part from it."

"Then why don't you come over and get it? Do you expect me to break the rule by coming over on to your land to hand it to you?"

"I shouldn't call that trespassing, don't you know," began his lordship.

"Ah! Nevertheless, if you want this watch you'll have to come over and get it."

"By Jove, now, that's a damned mean trick. I'm mounted. Beastly annoying. I say, would you mind tossing it up to me?"

"I wouldn't touch it for \$10. By the way, I'll just read this note of yours."

Lord Bazelhurst nervously watched him as he read; his heart lightened perceptibly as he saw a good humored smile struggle to the tall young man's face. It was, however, with some misgiving that he studied the broad shoulders and powerful frame of the erstwhile poacher. "Very good of you, I'm sure, to warn me."

"Good of me? It was imperative, let me tell you, sir. No man can abuse my servants and trample all over my land and disturb my fish!"

"Excuse me, but I haven't time to listen to all that. The note's sufficient. You've been practicing the running mount until it looks well nigh perfect to me, so I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll step back thirty paces and then you come over and get the watch—if you're not afraid of me—and I'll promise—"

"Afraid? Demmit, sir, didn't I say I was Lord Bazelhurst? Of the guards, sir, and the Seventy-first? Con!"

"You come over and get the watch and then see if you can get back to the horse and mount before I get to the log. If I beat you there, you lose. How's that?"

"I decline to make a fool of myself. Either you will restore my watch to me or I shall instantly go before the

tated surprise and an emphasis that puzzled him.

"Yes, madam," he responded gravely, "the hated Shaw. Permit me," and he politely grasped the bridle rein. To her amazement he deliberately turned and began to lead her horse, willy nilly, down the road, very much as if she were a child taking her first riding lesson.

"What are you doing, sir?" she exclaimed sharply. There was a queer flutter of helplessness in her voice.

"Putting you off," he answered laconically. She laughed in delight, and he looked up with a relieved smile. "I'm glad you don't mind. I have to do it. These feuds are such beastly things, you know. One has to live up to them whether he likes it or not."

"So you are putting me off your place? Oh, how lovely!"

"It isn't far, you know—just down by those big rocks. Your line is there. Of course," he went on politely, "you know that there is a feud."

"Oh, yes; I've heard you say the Reelford cottage?" he mused, shaking his head with a queer smile. "By George, that's fair warning enough. She's a beastly warning enough."

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"I shall find it in time." For a long time he stood watching her as she raced down the road.

"At my peril," he mused, shaking his head with a queer smile. "By George, that's fair warning enough. She's a beastly warning enough."

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SALOON LICENSES ARE IN DANGER

Liquor Regulations to Be Strictly Enforced — New Rules Outlined — Stricter Regulation of Restaurant Liquor Establishments Will Be Adopted.

Stricter regulation of restaurant liquor establishments to prevent possible violations of the spirit of the law will be adopted by the police commission at the suggestion of C. E. Sebastian, chief.

Three new regulations are to be put in force as follows:

The sale of more than one bottle of liquor or wine within the 10 minutes preceding the closing hour in restaurant liquor establishments prohibited.

Drinking in restaurant liquor establishments of liquor not purchased on the premises prohibited.

Music and singing in restaurant liquor establishments after midnight on Saturdays and Sundays prohibited.

Will Establish New Rules. Chief Sebastian called attention to the fact that in many places the spirit of the rules laid down by the commission was being violated by the proprietors, allowing persons to "stock up" with liquor just before the closing hour and allowing them to remain in the place until it is gone. He stated in his report that patrons also were warned by the waiters just before closing that they would be compelled to leave if there was no liquor on their tables at closing time.

Commissioners McDill and Akey were appointed as a committee to confer with Chief Sebastian and formulate the new rules.

Charges against T. Falconi, in whose saloon at Ord and North Broadway, a desperate fight occurred between foreigners on August 13, were dismissed after a hearing.

The case against A. B. Cohn & Bro., pawnbrokers, accused of charging interest in excess of the legal rate was postponed until August 23.

K. Asano was charged by the chief with violating the rules of the commission in the conduct of his pool room at 515½ East First street and was cited to appear August 28 and show why his permit should not be revoked.

Licenses In Danger. Next Wednesday also was set as the date for hearing why the wholesale liquor licenses of J. R. O'Neill and the South Commercial Liquor company should not be revoked.

Permits for second-hand dealers were granted as follows: Morris Glass, 64½ South Main street; Mrs. Kate S. Hallner, 815 South Main street; Louis Soklof, 723 East Fifth street; Morris Cohen, 623 San Fernando street.

C. A. Anderson, motorcycle officer, was allowed full pay while recovering from injuries suffered in the discharge of his duties. The patrons were fined for infractions of the rules of the department and their fines were ordered turned into the police pension fund. They were L. L. Oakley, who was assessed one day's pay; C. W. Leonard, who was fined five days' salary, and H. V. Benson, who will be required to give up his pay for ten days.

Averino & Calafates were denied a permit to conduct a restaurant liquor establishment of the number two class at 118 Winston street.

Permits Granted.

Clark & Snowe granted permits to conduct a combination bowling alley, shooting gallery and pool room at 244 South Main street. Nels P. Murray's request to conduct a pool room at 1256 East Ninth street was continued until September 4, and similar action was taken with respect to a pool room application from Louis Bozovich for 302 North Main street. Action was deferred until next Wednesday on Carter Lightfoot's application for a pool room permit at 2329 South Vermont avenue.

Schmidt & Brown applied for a saloon license at 225 West First street, the place now conducted by J. T. Hinch. Action was deferred one week. Similar action was taken with respect to pool room and billiard hall applications from the following:

Henry Ohlmeitz, 431 Front street, San Pedro; George E. Harper, 5404 South Vermont avenue; Herbert W. Anderson, 1580 West Washington street; James Antratsos, 1311 North Main street, and Thomas R. Hayes, 530 East Fifth street.

Following hearing in the case of Abe Horowitz, charged with selling liquor after closing time in his wholesale liquor establishment, 129 East Sixth street, the commission revoked the permit.

—Municipal News.

TO CARE FOR TREES

City Will Need Spraying Outfits, Men and Teams

Estimates of caring for street trees in accordance with numerous petitions from citizens have been prepared by A. C. Hansen, inspector of public works, and referred to the council by the board. Hansen's estimate is \$4551 for the labor and teams for three months in the year, which are the most advantageous for spraying and trimming.

In addition, he estimates the cost of six spraying outfits necessary to carry on the work at \$2400 and also \$900 more for chemicals and supplies.

In answer to a communication from the Southern California Home Builders, the board of public works has outlined its policy with respect to the storm water at Moneta avenue and Eighty-third street. The board, on advice of the city engineer, states that the only relief will come from the widening and paving of Moneta avenue and the construction of the Jefferson street storm drain.

Resolutions have been adopted by the board of public works requiring the Los Angeles Railway corporation to repair its tracks and pavement at Second and Spring streets and also to repair the pavement on its strip in Seventh street from Figueroa to Park View streets.

The assessment district for the improvement of Figueroa between Jefferson and Slauson, was approved by the streets committee and adopted by the council.

GIVE OFFICIAL NAME TO MUNICIPAL DOCK

FORMER MAYOR TO BE SUED

The Aqueduct Probers Declare That the City Did Not Get What It Paid For in Owens River Lands — Water Said to Be Impure.

The name was selected with the object of including the word "Los Angeles" and at the same time indicating that the terminal is the property of the city. Following are some of the names suggested and from which the choice was made:

Panama docks, Balboa docks, Angel City docks, Stephen M. White docks, Selegna Soi (Los Angeles spelled backwards) docks, Los Angeles Terminal docks, Pacific Terminal docks, Oriental and Occidental docks, Oriental-Pan docks, San Pedro docks, Angel Glass docks, Mission docks (with a style of architecture to correspond), Los Angeles City docks, Alexander docks.

Commissioner Gordon suggested that a plan should be adopted for going after business and that arrangements should be made to at least reply fully to all inquiries from those who might use the facilities offered by the city. His idea was along the lines suggested by Councilman Reed, who advocated a business manager to solicit business for the city's power, water and harbor enterprises.

Reports on Railway

It was decided to await the completion of the annual report, which is expected to give full information about the harbor and its facilities. The report will be ready within a month, it is stated.

At the suggestion of Secretary Matheson, the commission voted to request the municipal transportation committee to invite Fred P. Gregson, traffic manager for the Associated Jobbers, to address the members on traffic problems, which may be expected to arise in connection with the operation of the proposed municipal railroad.

Matson also submitted his detailed report of the reasons for constructing the municipal line as outlined in the Municipal News last Wednesday.

In response to a letter received from W. E. Sterne of San Diego, relative to the city purchasing a dredger, the commission instructed Matson to make inquiries as to the price, location of the machine and other information.

Action on the question of whether to declare forfeited the railway franchise on Pacific avenue and Fourteenth street at San Pedro was postponed until after a conference with Leslie A. Hewitt, special counsel. It was feared an attempt to oust the railway from the street may delay the improvement of the temporary boulevard route.

In connection with the approval granted by the harbor commission for the Banning interests to repair a wharf at Wilmington, the question of a leasing arrangement whereby the tielands now in litigation could be improved by private parties at once, came up. Following a discussion with a representative of the Banning company, it was decided to arrange for a series of conferences of harbor officials and contestants in the tielands suits whereby the lands can be leased and the rentals impounded until the cases are settled. The harbor commissioners are especially anxious to adopt a settled policy for such leasing.

Avgerinos & Calafates were denied a permit to conduct a restaurant liquor establishment of the number two class at 118 Winston street.

Permits Granted.

Clark & Snowe granted permits to conduct a combination bowling alley, shooting gallery and pool room at 244 South Main street. Nels P. Murray's request to conduct a pool room at 1256 East Ninth street was continued until September 4, and similar action was taken with respect to a pool room application from Louis Bozovich for 302 North Main street. Action was deferred until next Wednesday on Carter Lightfoot's application for a pool room permit at 2329 South Vermont avenue.

Schmidt & Brown applied for a saloon license at 225 West First street, the place now conducted by J. T. Hinch. Action was deferred one week. Similar action was taken with respect to pool room and billiard hall applications from the following:

Henry Ohlmeitz, 431 Front street, San Pedro; George E. Harper, 5404 South Vermont avenue; Herbert W. Anderson, 1580 West Washington street; James Antratsos, 1311 North Main street, and Thomas R. Hayes, 530 East Fifth street.

Following hearing in the case of Abe Horowitz, charged with selling liquor after closing time in his wholesale liquor establishment, 129 East Sixth street, the commission revoked the permit.

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HERE ARE GAME LAWS WHICH PROTECT CALIFORNIA BIRDS

DISCUSS CONGESTION

Action of Los Angeles Street Property Owners Clears Situation

Advocates of the proposed municipal railway on San Pedro street were pleased by the action of property owners of Los Angeles street who sent a petition to the council yesterday asking that that street be used to relieve the congestion on Main street.

The council will meet as a whole Friday morning to discuss the proposed solution of the San Pedro street franchise question. City Attorney Shenk expects to have presented a draft of the franchise based on the theory that the companies will build the lines under an indeterminate franchise with the city possessing the right to acquire possession at any time upon one year's notice by repaying the cost of construction.

This franchise plan also provides for joint use of the tracks by the city and the companies either under private or municipal ownership at a rate to be fixed in the franchise itself. The plan has the support of the Board of Public Utilities.

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Engineer Recommends Unaccepted Tracts be Denied Water Service

Extending the city water mains into private streets is not good policy, the board of public works believes, and in a communication to the public service commission recommends that three petitions for service be denied. The petitions were made because the property owners, who have purchased lots on streets which have not been dedicated, desire to be served with city water.

In all three cases, the tracts to be served were laid out without the approval of the city engineer's office, it is declared. One petition is from Henry S. Woolner for city water on Washington way, another is from the Wright, Calender, Andrews company and others for service to about 40 acres south of Wilshire boulevard and west of Arlington avenue, and the third is from A. A. Alton, who offers certain lots in tract 972 for a street in consideration that the entire tract be served with city water.

Petitions concerning the unsanitary condition of some portions of the arroyo de la Sacatello have been referred to the board of public works by the council with instructions to abate such nuisance as may exist.

COUNCIL WILL ISSUE SPUR TRACK PERMITS

Board of Public Utilities Recommends Number of Applications for Favorable Consideration — Orders Rails Moved.

Recommendations on a large number of applications for spur track permits were sent to the council yesterday by the board of public utilities. The following were approved by the board:

Southern California Edison company, Redondo street and Alhambra avenue; Great Western Milling company, Alameda and Eighth streets; Baker & Hamilton, Redondo street and Alhambra avenue; Southern Pacific company, across Fourth street at the Arcade station; Caroline Shaffer, Aliso and Alameda streets; Los Angeles Railway corporation, Eighth and Alameda streets; Hughes Manufacturing company, Ninth and Alameda streets. A second application by the last named company near the same location was denied as separate applications are required for each track.

Three applications of the Union Hardware & Metal company near Fourth and Alameda streets were rejected by the board as the plans showed the tracks took up too much of the street. Similar action for the same reason was taken with respect to the application of the Fidelity Storage company for a spur on Alameda street near Fourth.

The Southern Pacific's application to legalize a spur at Eighth and Alameda streets was denied by the board which recommends that the tracks be moved about eight feet so they will not be located in the gutter.

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SECRETARY APPOINTED

Board of Public Utilities Fills the Vacancy

John A. Owings, a practicing attorney, was appointed by the board of public utilities to act as secretary to the board since the resignation of Theodore Compton, several months ago, and Frankel's resignation to take effect Sept. 1, made it necessary to fill at least one of the vacancies.

There is some doubt as to how the salary of the secretary shall be fixed and the city attorney has been asked to enlighten the board on this point.

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LICENSED AUCTION

SECOND-HAND GOODS.

J. M. Dodd & Son conduct the only licensed auction and second-hand furniture business on upper East First street, the number being 3675. They deal exclusively in second-hand goods and are doing a rapidly increasing business. The character of the goods they handle and the prices at which they sell, make that place of business attractive to those who hesitate to pay down-town figures on such goods. Their motto is: "A Square Deal to Everybody."

Mr. Dodd, Sr., is 73 years young, but not many would guess his age by more than a decade. Especially remarkable is the manner in which he has retained his physical vigor when it is known that he served through the entire five years of the civil war in the early '60's. He is yet able to give some of the younger set a good sprint for their money.

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A Distinction.

Mistress—Have you had any experience with children? Bridget—Nope, but they have had some wid me.

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SELLS FOURTEEN HOUSES

Board of Education Disposes of Fourteen Houses

An auction sale of houses, conducted by the Building committee of the Board of Education, brought over \$4000 to the building funds. It was in charge of Herman W. Frank, chairman of the committee, assisted by most everybody else on the committee or a school official and partook of the bidding.

The houses came into the board's possession by its purchase of lots for school purposes. In all fourteen were sold. Their intrinsic value was much greater than the prices paid but as each must be moved from the premises without delay the prices were regarded as good. Many were small and old. The highest price paid was \$10.50 for a house on East Thirty-eighth street.

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Accountants Ready to Examine Books of Railway Corporations

Board of Public Utilities Prepared to Investigate Records and Determine Earnings for Rate Fixing Purposes.

Investigation of the books of the Los Angeles Railway corporation to determine the earnings of the company for rate fixing purposes, will actually be begun by the board of public utilities within a few days.

George A. Damon has been employed by the board to assist in the investigation. Damon is an engineer and chief assistant to Bion J. Arnold, who prepared a traffic report for Los Angeles. Damon also represented the Pacific Electric in its recent controversy with the city over the damage to the city's water mains by electrolysis.

Several offers have been received by the board from firms of accountants who desire to make the book-keeping inquiry for the city, but all have been refused as the board will oversee the work itself and appoint all the necessary accountants.

COUNCIL PASSES LAW OVER MAYOR'S VETO

For First Time in History of Administration Measure is Put Through After Alexander Had Rejected It.

For the first time in the history of Mayor Alexander's administration, an ordinance was passed over his veto by the city council. The vote of the council yesterday was unanimous and its action was taken on the recommendation of the legislation committee that the ordinance be adopted notwithstanding the mayor's objections.

The ordinance upon which the mayor and council disagree permits the construction of buildings on filled land, provided the land will stand certain tests. It was originally intended to apply only to Wilmington, where a large part of the land has been filled with sand and shell from the bottom of the harbor. This filling, engineers say, is even more substantial than the land on which it is placed and it was considered a hardship to require builders to dig down to solid ground to get a foundation that was not as good as the surface offered.

The ordinance could not be drawn for one section of the city and, however, any other section prohibited building so the chief building inspector inserted the ordinance requirements for certain tests to be made of the soil of filled land, where it was desired to erect a building on the surface, before a building permit would be issued.

Mayor Alexander had no objection to building on the sand and shell which fills Wilmington but he did object to the application of the ordinance to other sections of the city and on that ground vetoed it.

The legislation committee considered the city fully protected by the soil test provisions of the ordinance and recommended it be passed over the mayor's veto.

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